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Preliminary Agenda

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**TUESDAY, December 14, 2021
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, OMAHA-DOUGLAS CIVIC CENTER
1819 FARNAM, OMAHA, NE**

9:00 a.m.

As provided by *Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411(6)* a public body may allow a member of the public or any witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

Pursuant to §84-1411(6), this meeting is also available via Zoom.

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NOTE TO CITIZENS:

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Chair of the Board of County Commissioners--***

--An Automatic External Defibrillator is available on the back wall of the Legislative Chambers--

RULES OF DEBATE

- A.** On items requiring discussion/action, the process for debate is as follows:
1. The introducer of the item may speak up to five minutes when he or she first presents the item to the Board of Commissioners.
 2. The Board will hear from proponents and then opponents (citizens are encouraged not to repeat previous comment/testimony). No additional comment/testimony will be permitted unless a Board member requests additional information.
 3. The introduced item shall be motioned and seconded to proceed to debate.
 4. Each Commissioner shall be allowed to speak on introduced item up to two times for no more than five minutes.
 5. The introducer of the item shall be permitted five minutes to close debate.
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AGENDA
FOR
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
(9:00 a.m.)

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Roll Call

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held Tuesday, December 7, 2021. [\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Call for a meeting and set **Tuesday, December 21, 2021**, as date for hearing on Certified Assessment Corrections reflecting the addition of omitted property to the tax rolls or increased value on property.
- C. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of **5 minutes** on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the governance of Douglas County. However, under the Open Meetings Act, agenda items should give reasonable notice of the matters to be considered by the Board so that the public will know which matters are under consideration. As a result, Commissioners will not engage in discussions, conversations, debates or take action on any item presented during Citizen Comments. If a citizen wishes to engage a Commissioner or the Board in a discussion, conversation, debate or have the Board take action, that citizen will follow up with County Administration or the Commissioner of their District and seek to have the item placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action as appropriate. During Citizen Comments, the Chair will keep order and a citizen may be called "out of order" for disruptive conduct or behavior.*

RESOLUTIONS:

- D. Approving corrections to Personal Property affecting the tax list based on taxpayer submitted personal property returns, amended returns, clerical errors or changes to status of business. (Assessor/Register of Deeds) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- E. Approving applications for Tax Exemptions Form 457 on motor vehicles recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. [\(See Attached\)](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

We reserve the right to enter an executive session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding labor negotiations, litigation and personnel.

ADJOURN

AGENDA
FOR
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
(Immediately following the conclusion of the Board of Equalization meeting)

Note to Citizens:

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Roll Call

1. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Corrections' meeting held Tuesday, November 9, 2021. [\(See Attached\)](#)

2. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of **5 minutes** on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the governance of Douglas County. However, under the Open Meetings Act, agenda items should give reasonable notice of the matters to be considered by the Board so that the public will know which matters are under consideration. As a result, Commissioners will not engage in discussions, conversations, debates or take action on any item presented during Citizen Comments. If a citizen wishes to engage a Commissioner or the Board in a discussion, conversation, debate or have the Board take action, that citizen will follow up with County Administration or the Commissioner of their District and seek to have the item placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action as appropriate. During Citizen Comments, the Chair will keep order and a citizen may be called "out of order" for disruptive conduct or behavior.*

3. Report from the Director of Corrections. [\(See Attached\)](#)

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ADJOURN

AGENDA
FOR
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(Immediately following the conclusion of the Board of Corrections meeting)

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Roll Call

I. MINUTES AND CLAIMS:

- A. Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, December 7, 2021. [\(See Attached\)](#)

**Minutes from the Pre-Board meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021, are available.*
[\(See Attached\)](#)

- B. Approval of claims submitted for payment processed through Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Complete listing is on file in the office of the County Clerk/Comptroller and available on the Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's web page at:
<http://www.douglascountyclerk.org/supplierchecks>

II. CONSENT AGENDA: *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*

- A. Approval of resolution authorizing the Chairperson of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form. (Daniel A. Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller)
[\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Tom Doyle, Douglas County Engineer – requests approval of the following:
1. Increase to Contract amount for County Project C-28(580) Improvements on State Street from 171st St. to 177th St. (\$125,140.12 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
 2. Increase to Contract amount for County Project C-28(567) Grading, Paving, Storm Sewer & Erosion Control on 168th St. from Potter to Reynolds. (\$45,704.74 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
 3. Contracts for rental of supplemental snow removal equipment for the winter season 2021-2022. (Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
 4. Right of Way Acquisition for a Warranty Deed (\$2,175.00), Temporary Easement (\$100.00) and fence and gate replacement (\$2,000.00) Tract 9 for County Project C-28(590) 66th Street Improvements. (\$4,275.00 – Budgeted)
[\(See Attached\)](#)
- C. Resolution approving the appointment and fixing the compensation of Andrew Stock as a Deputy County Attorney for Douglas County effective December 27, 2021. (\$82,000 – Budgeted) (Rhonda Rolles, Douglas County Attorney's Office)
[\(See Attached\)](#)

- D. Reappointment of Juliet Summers to the Douglas County Extension Board representing District #2. (Commissioner James Cavanaugh) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- E. Reappointment of Lenny Swanger and Bryan Broekemier to the Douglas County Audit Committee. (Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- F. Resolution approving a Subaward Agreement with The Wellbeing Partners. (Per the Resolution – Budgeted) (Patrick Bloomingdale, CAO) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- G. Resolution approving a Subaward Agreement with Visiting Nurse Association. (Per the Resolution - Budgeted) (Patrick Bloomingdale, CAO) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- H. Resolution approving a Subaward Agreement with Omaha Integrative Care. (Per the Resolution - Budgeted) (Patrick Bloomingdale, CAO) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- I. Approve agreement between the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Omaha Police Department and Ralston Police Department to cooperate interlocally as a Task Force to reduce DUI crashes and fatality accidents in Douglas County. (Budgeted) (Captain Eric Sellers, Douglas County Sheriff's Office) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- J. Resolution for Surplus Property. (Eric J. Carlson, Purchasing Agent) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- K. Resolution to approve "Demand for Refunds." (\$56,074.64 – Budgeted) (Property Tax Division – Treasurer) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- L. Approve Section 125 Plan for 2022 Cash in Lieu. (Budgeted) (Colleen Fredrickson, Human Resources) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- M. Daniel A. Esch, County Clerk, presenting claim of the following pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act (**refer to County's Risk Manager for review and determination**):
 - 1. Joseph D. Wood Jr (\$150.00 requested) [\(See Attached\)](#)

III. **RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS:**

- IV. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of **5 minutes** on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the governance of Douglas County. However, under the Open Meetings Act, agenda items should give reasonable notice of the matters to be considered by the Board so that the public will know which matters are under consideration. As a result, Commissioners will not engage in discussions, conversations, debates or take action on any item presented during Citizen Comments. If a citizen wishes to engage a Commissioner or the Board in a discussion, conversation, debate or have the Board take action, that citizen will follow up with County Administration or the Commissioner of their District and seek to have the item placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action as appropriate. During Citizen Comments, the Chair will keep order and a citizen may be called "out of order" for disruptive conduct or behavior.*

V. PRESENTATION:

- A. COVID-19 Update and COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Update presented by Dr. Lindsay Huse. (Commissioners Mary Ann Borgeson and Chris Rodgers)
[\(See Attached\)](#)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

VII. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. FINANCE:

Commissioners PJ Morgan and Mike Friend, Co-chairs

1. Budget Report. (Budget and Finance Director) [\(See Attached\)](#)
2. ARPA Funding: Approval of Resolution authorizing the use of \$5,011,132 in ARPA funds for Douglas County Corrections Department for increased staffing costs driven by COVID measures as well as safety and mental health services to lower the risk of self-harming behaviors. Also a pretrial supervision program will be instituted to lower overcrowded jail conditions and reduce COVID risks. (\$5,011,132 – Budgeted) (Joe Lorenz, Director of Finance and Budget)
[\(See Attached\)](#)
3. ARPA Funding: Approval of Resolution authorizing the use of \$955,950 in ARPA funds for Douglas County Youth Center for hiring of two licensed mental health therapists, a Behavioral Health Initiative to meet the mental health needs of the youth residents and a Tablets for Youth Program to assist in managing behaviors. (\$955,950 – Budgeted)
(Joe Lorenz, Director of Finance and Budget) [\(See Attached\)](#)
4. ARPA Funding: Approval of Resolution authorizing the award of \$1,500,000 in ARPA funds to Front Porch Investments to provide partial funding for operations for a non-congregate shelter to provide temporary housing to vulnerable populations impacted by COVID 19. (\$1,500,000 – Budgeted) (Joe Lorenz, Director of Finance and Budget) [\(See Attached\)](#)
5. Write off of Non-collectable Account Receivables at the Youth Center.
(Cheri Albin, Administration) [\(See Attached\)](#)

B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Commissioner Roger Garcia, Chair

C. CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES:

Commissioner Chris Rodgers, Chair

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Commissioner Maureen Boyle, Chair

E. CRIMINAL JUSTICE:

Commissioner Mike Friend, Chair

F. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Commissioner James Cavanaugh, Chair

G. HUMAN RESOURCES:

Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, Chair

1. Weekly Personnel Report from Civil Service. [\(See Attached\)](#)

2. Legislative issues. [\(See Attached\)](#)

Note: The Douglas County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to discuss and/or take action on any legislation, resolution or study, pending consideration by the state legislature. Such information may be viewed at the following address (this data is maintained by the Unicameral Information Office):

<http://nebraskalegislature.gov>

a. Other legislation

3. Discussion/action on the Douglas County Board Districts proposed redistricting map. (Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson) [\(See Attached\)](#)

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ADJOURN

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DECEMBER, 2021

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NOTICE

The last scheduled meeting in 2021 for the Douglas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The first scheduled meeting in 2022 of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.